STATE OF MONTANA
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

1975-76 MONTANA MIGRATORY WATERFOWL REGULATIONS - CENTRAL FLYWAY

The Central Flyway includes Blaine, Fergus, Judith Basin, Wheatland, Sweet Grass, Stillwater and Carbon Counties and all counties lying east of these.

By order of the Montana Fish and Game Commission, the State of Montana within the Central Flyway is opened to hunting of migratory waterfowl under the regulations listed below:

DUCKS

Open Season: One-half hour before sunrise October 4, 1975, to sunset and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day through December 2, 1975. Then reopening one-half hour before sunrise December 13, 1975, to sunset and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day through January 4, 1976.
Bag Limit: The season is based on a daily point value of 100 plus points. The daily limit is reached when the point value of the last duck taken added to the sum of the point values of other ducks taken during the day reaches or exceeds 100 points. The possession limit shall be the maximum number of ducks of species and sex which could have been taken on two days. The point allocation for ducks is as follows:

10 Points	20 Points	70 Points	100 Points
Blue Wing Teal	American Widgeon	Hen Mallard	Canvasback
Green Wing Teal	Drake Mallard	Wood Duck	Redhead
Cinnamon Teal	Ringneck Duck	Hooded Merganser	
Scaup	All other species		
Pintail	& sex not listed		
Gadwall	under other categories		
Shoveler			
Common & Red-Breasted Merganser			

Coots have a point value of zero, but the bag is limited to 15 and 30 in possession.

GEESE

Open Season: One-half hour before sunrise October 4, 1975, to sunset and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day to January 4, 1976.
Daily and Possession Limit: Daily limit of 2 and a possession limit of 4 geese. The limit shall not include more than 1 Ross' goose in bag or in possession.

LITTLE BROWN CRANE (Phillips County)

Persons wishing to hunt Little Brown Crane's must obtain a free permit available from the Bowdoin National Wildlife Refuge, the Fish and Game regional headquarters in Glasgow, or the Fish and Game office in Helena.
Open Season: One-half hour before sunrise October 4, 1975, to sunset and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day through November 9, 1975. Season is restricted to Phillips County.
Daily and Possession Limit: Daily limit will be 3 Little Brown Crane and, after opening day, a possession limit of 6.

REGULATIONS

Waterfowl Closures: Nelson Reservoir in Phillips County; North Chinook Reservoir in Blaine County shall be closed to all waterfowl hunting. The Yellowstone River from the Big Horn River to Myers, the Yellowstone River from Reservation Creek to the Custer County Line, the Yellowstone River from the Milwaukee Railroad bridge at Fort Keough to the Milwaukee Railroad bridge at Kinsey, and the Yellowstone River from Terry to Intake shall be closed to all waterfowl hunting.

Means of Taking: Migratory waterfowl may be taken only with bow and arrow, or with a shotgun not larger than ten gauge and incapable of holding more than three shells fired from the shoulder. Migratory waterfowl may not be taken from or by means, aid or use of a sinkbox (battery), motor-driven conveyance, motor vehicle or aircraft of any kind. Use of any electronic or phonographic waterfowl-calling device is illegal.

License: Must be in possession of a Class AAA Resident Sportsman's License or a Class A-1 Resident Bird License and Conservation License, or Class B-1 $25.00 Nonresident Bird License and Conservation License, or a Class B-2 $151.00 Nonresident Big Game License. In addition to one of the above licenses, must be in possession of a Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp. Persons under the age of 16 years need not possess a stamp. Persons under 12 years of age may not hunt game birds.

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1975-76 MONTANA MIGRATORY WATERFOWL REGULATIONS - PACIFIC FLYWAY

The Pacific Flyway includes Hill, Chouteau, Cascade, Meagher, and Park Counties and all counties lying west of these.

By order of the Montana Fish and Game Commission, the State of Montana within the Pacific Flyway is opened to hunting of migratory waterfowl under the regulations listed below:

DUCKS

Open Season: One-half hour before sunrise October 4, 1975, to sunset and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day through January 4, 1976.
Daily and Possession Limit: Daily limit of 7 ducks, and, after opening day, a possession limit of 14 ducks except, no more than 2 redheads or 2 canvasbacks or 1 of each daily may be taken and no more than 4 singly or in the aggregate may be possessed.
Coots: The daily bag and possession limit shall be 25 coots.
Mergansers: In addition to the bag limit on other ducks, the daily limit of mergansers will be a daily aggregate limit of 5 and possession limit of 10. In the daily limit, no more than 1 hooded merganser may be included and no more than 2 hooded mergansers may be included in the possession limit.

GEESE - EAST OF THE CONTINENTAL DIVIDE

Open Season: One-half hour before sunrise October 4, 1975, to sunset and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day through December 7, 1975.
Daily and Possession Limit: The daily and possession limit shall be 5 geese. No more than 2 of the dark species (white fronts, Canadas), no more than 1 Ross' goose, and no more than 3 white geese will be allowed in the daily or possession limit.

GEESE - WEST OF THE CONTINENTAL DIVIDE

Open Season: One-half hour before sunrise October 4, 1975, to sunset and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day through December 28, 1975.
Daily and Possession Limit: The daily and possession limit shall be 5 geese. No more than 2 of the dark species (White fronts, Canadas), no more than 1 Ross' goose, and no more than 3 white geese will be allowed in the daily or possession limit.
Exception: One-half hour before sunrise October 18, 1975, and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day through December 28, 1975, in Deer Lodge County.

WILSON'S SNIPE

Open Season: One-half hour before sunrise October 4, 1975, to sunset and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day through January 4, 1976.
Daily and Possession Limit: Daily limit of 8 Wilson's snipe and, after opening day, a possession limit of 16 Wilson's snipe.

WHISTLING SWAN

Five hundred permits will be issued authorizing each permittee to take one whistling swan. Season is restricted to Teton County. Permits will be valid during 93 days beginning one-half hour before sunrise October 4, 1975, and ending at sunset January 4, 1976. Written applications must be submitted to the Helena office and received by the Helena Fish and Game office by September 15, 1975. The drawing will be on September 17, 1975. The applicant's 1975 Montana Bird License number must be on the application.

REGULATIONS

Waterfowl Closures: A portion of Freezout Lake Waterfowl Development Area in Teton County and an ACM settling pond near Warm Springs will be closed as posted to all waterfowl hunting. The southern half of Lake Helena and the Helena Valley Regulating Reservoir in Lewis and Clark County and a Portion of Fresno Reservoir in Hill County shall be closed to all waterfowl hunting, and in Madison County, a portion of the Madison Valley north of Ennis, as posted.

Means of Taking: Migratory waterfowl may be taken only with bow and arrow, or with a shotgun not larger than ten gauge and incapable of holding more than three shells fired from the shoulder. Migratory waterfowl may not be taken from or by means or aid or use of a sinkbox (battery), motor-driven conveyance, motor vehicle or any craft of any kind. Use of any electronic or phonographic waterfowl-calling device is illegal.

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